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TO: Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

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SUBJECT: Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Pawtucket

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the SBA Capital Fund. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. With the passage of the Statewide School Construction Bond in November 2018, voters activated six new temporary bonus incentives and access to \$250M in upfront funding to support the state share of foundation school housing aid.

At this meeting, the Council is being asked to approve a Necessity of School Construction application. A chart summarizing Pawtucket Public School's projects is provided in Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the necessity of school construction projects totaling \$234,053,860 pursuant to 16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share is expected to be \$194,776,346, which includes \$40,750,550 in pay-as-you-go funding):

Pawtucket:

- a. New Construction/Major Renovations
 - i. Baldwin Elementary School \$ 58,964,245
 - ii. Winters Elementary School \$ 49,458,478
 - iii. Shea High School \$ 46,625,776
 - iv. Tolman Senior High School \$ 54,005,361
- b. Property Purchase:
 - i. 687 Central Ave - Pawtucket Learning Academy \$ 800,000

c. Districtwide Repairs and Renovations:

i.	Agnes Little Elementary School	\$ 2,088,172
ii.	Cunningham Elementary School	\$ 1,743,362
iii.	Curtis Elementary School	\$ 1,498,581
iv.	Curvin McCabe Elementary School	\$ 3,722,326
v.	Fallon Memorial Elementary School	\$ 1,911,171
vi.	Greene Elementary School	\$ 69,531
vii.	Potter Burns Elementary School	\$ 920,167
viii.	Varieur Elementary School	\$ 2,047,338
ix.	Goff Jr High School	\$ 1,881,047
x.	Jenks Jr. High School	\$ 2,908,855
xi.	Slater Jr High School	\$ 1,607,857
xii.	Pawtucket Learning Academy	\$ 3,801,593

SUMMARY: FY 2020 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

PAWTUCKET SCHOOL DISTRICT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	FY 2020 AID SHARE RATIO*	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST**	STATE SHARE	STATE SHARE W/ INTEREST***
New Construction/ Major Renovation	This project includes new construction of two elementary schools – Winters Elementary and Baldwin Elementary School – as part of a districtwide masterplan. Major renovations of the historic Shea and Tolman High School facilities will include safety and code upgrades, site improvements, accessibility upgrades, educational enhancements, building envelope repairs, and other building system repairs.	This project is part of a masterplan that includes the construction of two new Elementary Schools – Winters, a 3 track school (93,964 sqft) with 942 seats and Baldwin, a 5 track school (113,268 sqft) with 824 seats – that will replace two elementary schools that have reached the end of their useful life. The masterplan includes work at both the district's High Schools to address high priority needs and educational program needs.	Base Rate 83.2%	\$234,053,860	\$194,776,346	\$271,670,332
Property Purchase	The Pawtucket School Department will purchase the St. Leo's Church building on Central Avenue in Pawtucket to be used for swing space during renovations and maintained for future program use.	The project will also include health, safety, and security improvements, including building envelope repairs, fire safety improvements, security projects, site repairs, electrical upgrades, educational program improvements, ADA compliance, hazardous materials abatement, and other building system improvements that affect student and staff health and safety.	Maximum Rate 91.6%****	\$234,053,860	\$214,393,336	\$299,031,736
Districtwide Repairs	This project will address health and safety, life-safety, building envelope, educational, and other building system repairs at district facilities.					

* State share ratio is based on FY2020 calculation, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-41(b).

** The approval includes \$220M in bond funded projects and \$14,053,860 in capital reserve funded projects.

*** Only bonds financed through RIHEBC are eligible for reimbursement on interest.

**** District may be eligible for a maximum of 8.4% additional reimbursement, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-40.



Official Housing Aid Projection as of December 2019

Bond Funded Projects

	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25
Pawtucket		\$0	\$0	\$6,352,854	\$10,241,273
Bond Funded Totals	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,352,854	\$10,241,273

Capital Reserve Funded Projects

	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25
Pawtucket^	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Reserve Totals	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Approval Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,352,854	\$10,241,273
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Current Housing Aid*	\$79,130,193	\$61,175,427	\$58,914,413	\$56,874,379	\$52,154,887
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Projected Housing Aid**	\$79,130,193	\$81,893,957	\$96,804,377	\$116,622,493	\$132,497,763
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Assumptions

Projections are based on district submitted timelines and assume that 98% of bond funded projects and 80% of capital reserve funded projects are completed.

* Includes projects (completed and projected) submitted on Housing Aid forms

**Includes projections for approved, yet not completed projects, pay-as-you-go, and anticipated bonuses. Additionally, assumes \$300M of future annual approvals, 3% annual inflations, and an average share ratio of 50%.

^ Pawtucket's Capital Reserve Funded Projects will be funded through Pay-As-You-Go funding.